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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM PARIS APR 16.

QUOTE PARIS 10510.

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR VN

SUBJECT: DRV MFA NOTE TO DEPARTMENT

1. NGUYEN TUAN LIEU, COUNSELOR OF DRV EMBASSY, CALLED ON  
EMBOFF TO DELIVER NOTE TO EMBASSY CONVEYING NOTE FROM DRV  
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MFA TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE. FRENCH TEXT OF EMBASSY NOTE AND DRV'S INFORMAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF MFA NOTE FOLLOW BELOW.

2. LIEU WAS CORDIAL, BUT INDICATED HE WAS IN THIS CASE ACTING MERELY AS MAILMAN IN FIRST UTILIZATION OF WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS " CHANNEL AGREED UPON BY OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS." HE DID NOT WISH TO REMAIN LONG ENOUGH TO PERMIT EMBOFF TO READ FULL TRANSLATION , BUT AFTER SCANNING NOTE, EMBOFF INFORMED HIM THAT NOTE PRESENTED VIEW OF FACTS TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF U. S.

3. FRENCH TEXT OF DRV EMBASSY NOTE. BEGIN QUOTE.

L' AMBASSADE DE LA REPUBLIQUE DEMOCRATIQUE DU VIET NAM EN FRANCE PRESENTE SES COMPLIMENTS A L' AMBASSADE DES ETATS- UNIS D' AMERIQUE EN FRANCE ET A L' HONNEUR DE LUI DEMANDER DE BIEN VOULOIR TRANSMETTRE AU DEPARTMENT E' ETAT DES ETATS- UNIS AMERIQUE LA NOTE CI- JOINTE ADRESSEE PAR LE MINISTERE DES AFFAIRES ETRANGERES DE LA REPUBLIQUE DEMOCRATIQUE DU VIET NAM.

L' AMBASSADE DE LA REPUBLIQUE DEMOCRATIQUE DU VIET NAM SAISIT CETTE OCCASION POUR RENOUVELER A L' AMBASSADE DES ETATS- UNIS D' AMERIQUE LES ASSURANCES DE SA HAUTE CONSIDERATION.

PARIS LE 16 AVRIL 1973 END QUOTE.

4. ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF DRV MFA NOTE TO DEPARTMENT:

BEGIN QUOTE.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOUR TO BRING HEREAFTER TO THE NOTICE OF THE LATTER THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT ON ENDING THE WAR AND RESTORING PEACE IN VIET NAM AND THE PROTOCOLS THERETO OVER THE LAST PERIOD:

1. THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON ENDING THE WAR AND RESTORING PEACE IN VIET NAM HAS BEEN SIGNED ON THE  
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BASIS OF RESPECT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY,

UNITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF VIET NAM AND THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO SELF- DETERMINATION. IT MEETS THE EAGER ASPIRATION FOR PEACE OF ALL COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD, AND CONSTITUTES A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE, SELF- DETERMINATION, AND NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE OF THE PEOPLES.

PURSUANT TO THEIR COMMITMENT UNDER THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIET NAM, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM AND THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIET NAM HAVE STRICTLY RESPECTED AND SCRUPULOUSLY IMPLEMENTED THE AGREEMENT AND THE PROTOCOLS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE U. S. GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM HAVE SERIOUSLY VIOLATED MANY ESSENTIAL PROVISIONS THEREOF.

SINCE THE CEASE- FIRE CAME INTO FORCE, THE SOUTH VIET NAM PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMED FORCES HAVE SCRUPULOUSLY OBSERVED IT ON ALL THEATRES OF OPERATIONS, HAVE REMAINED IN PLACE, AND STOPPED ALL OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS AND HOSTILE ACTS. BUT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM, WITH THE BACKING OF THE UNITED STATES, HAS FAILED TO OBSERVE THE CEASE FIRE, THEREBY SERIOUSLY VIOLATING ARTICLES 2 AND 3 OF THE AGREEMENT. IT HAS LAUNCHED TENS OF THOUSANDS OF OPERATIONS INVOLVING REGIMENT- OR DIVISION- SIZE INFANTRY UNITS WITH AIR AND ARTILLERY SUPPORT TO ENCROACH ON THE AREAS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT. AS A RESULT, IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS AND MORE, THE CEASE- FIRE HAS NOT YET BEEN EFFECTIVE IN SOUTH VIET NAM, THE BLOODSHED HAS CONTINUED, THE PEOPLE HAVE NOT YET ENJOYED PEACE, AND HAVE CONTINUED TO SUFFER SO MUCH SUFFERING AND MOURNING. THIS IS AN EXTREMELY SERIOUS SITUATION WHICH JEOPARDIZES THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT AS A WHOLE, AND POSES A DIRECT THREAT TO PEACE IN SOUTH VIET NAM.

2. THE U. S. GOVERNMENT HAS HAD TO END THE WAR IN SOUTH AND NORTH VIET NAM, AND TO WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS AND THOSE OF ITS ALLIES FROM SOUTH VIET NAM. BUT AT  
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VARIANCE WITH ARTICLES 5 AND 6 OF THE AGREEMENT, THE WITHDRAWING U. S. TROOPS HAVE NOT TAKEN AWAY THEIR ARMAMENTS AND HAVE NOT DISMANTLED THEIR BASES. MOREOVER, THE UNITED STATES HAS LEFT BEHIND OVER TEN THOUSAND MILITARY PERSONNEL DISGUISED AS CIVILIAN ADVISERS, AND

IT HAS ILLEGALLY BROUGHT BIG QUANTITIES OF ARMAMENTS,  
MUNITIONS AND WAR MATERIAL INTO SOUTH VIET NAM IN  
FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF ARTICLES 5 AND 7 OF THE AGREEMENT.

3. WITH REGARD TO THE REMOVAL AND DESTRUCTION OF  
MINES IN THE TERRITORIAL WATERS, PORTS, HARBOURS,  
AND WATERWAYS OF NORTH VIET NAM, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM HAS AFFORDED ALL FAVOUR-  
ABLE CONDITIONS FOR THE U. S. SIDE TO CARRY IT OUT RAPIDLY  
AND EFFECTIVELY. BUT THE U. S. GOVERNMENT HAS DELIBERATELY  
DELAYED THE MINE- CLEARING OPERATIONS, THUS PROLONGING IN  
FACT THE BLOCKADE OF THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE DEMO-  
CRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM. SO FAR, IT HAS EXPLODED ONLY  
THREE OUT OF THE TENS OF THOUSANDS MINES IT IS DUTY- BOUND  
TO CLEAR.

4. PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 8 OF THE AGREEMENT, THE GOVERN-  
MENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM AND THE  
PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
SOUTH VIET NAM HAVE RETURNED WITHIN THE PRESCRIBED TIME-  
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